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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 29, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 1, 11, 13, 22, and 35:

Claims 1, 11, 13, 22, and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,862,404, hereinafter Onaga. Claim 1 defines a print system, claim 11 defines a method of controlling a print system, and claim 22 defines a print server adapted to be connected to a plurality of printers and a plurality of computers. A feature of each of these three independent claims is that the status of a plurality of printers is gathered and is sent to a plurality of computers *simultaneously*. Claim 35 defines a print server that includes a job observer for monitoring status information of a plurality of printers and a sender for sending the status information to the plurality of computers at the same time.